

- III. Claim 14, drawn to a method for identifying a substance that modulates binding of an XB3 protein to XA21, classified in class 435, subclass 15, for example.
- IV. Claim 15, drawn to a method of producing an XB3 protein in a cultured cell, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1, for example.
- V. Claim 16, drawn to a method of identifying a substance that modulates expression of a gene encoding XB3, classified in class 435, subclass 6, for example.
- VI. Claims 17 and 18, drawn to a method of isolating a substance that binds XB3, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1, for example.
- VII. Claims 21 and 22, drawn to a method of modulating disease resistance in a plant cell or seed with a nucleic acid that modulates expression of a native XB3, classified in class 800, subclass 285, for example.
- VIII. Claims 23 and 24, drawn to a method of modulating disease resistance in a plant cell or seed by expressing a polypeptide that inhibits functional activity of a native XB3, classified in class 800, subclass 279, for example.

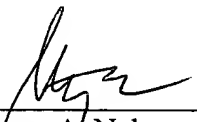
Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I (claims 1-7, 19 and 20), drawn to a purified nucleic acid encoding a XB3 protein or an XB3-like protein, a vector comprising said nucleic acid, a cell comprising said nucleic acid and a method of modulating disease resistance in a plant cell or seed by transforming a plant cell with said nucleic acid, classified in class 536, subclass 23.6, for example.

Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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